

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: BAKIS et al.	) Confirmation No. 8009
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	) Group Art Unit: 2626
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	) Examiner: Douglas C. Godbold
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Application No.: 10/695,979	) <b>AMENDMENT and RESPONSE</b> to March
	) 26, 2008 Non-Final Office Action
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Filing Date: 10/29/2003	) Docket No.: YOR920030379US1
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR	) <b>PTO Customer Number 48175</b>
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.